



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Masanori CHIKUBA, et al**

Serial No.: **09/591,508**

Filed: **June 12, 2000**

FOR: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GRINDING MAGNETIC MEMBER AND
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING WASTE FLUID**

Group Art Unit: **3723**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: April 16, 2002

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated **December 17, 2001** for one month from **March 17, 2002** to **April 17, 2002**.

Attached please find a check in the amount of **\$110.00** to cover the cost of the extension for a Large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. Two copies of this paper are enclosed herewith.

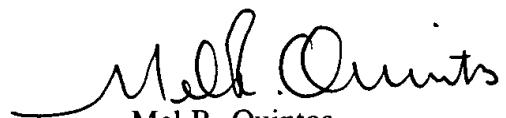
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